

4. The ten fingers strain thee, the seven
priests ¹
caress thee, the Trorsliippers gladden thee.²
5. As thou streamest on the water³
and the
woollen sieve, we wrap thee up with milk for
the
exhilaration of the gods.
6. Purified in the pitchers, radiant, and
green*
tinted, the *Soma* puts on the raiment derived
from
the cow.
7. Flow to us, thy wealthy (worshippers);
de-
stroy all our enemies ; IXDTT, enter thy friend.⁴
8. Pour down rain from heaven, and
abundance
upon the earth; uphold our strength,
Soma, in
battles.
9. (Adoring) thee, the contemplator of men,
the
beverage of INDRA and the knower of all
things,⁵
may we be blessed with progeny and food.

IX. (IX.)

The *Itishi*, deity, and metre as before.

1. ⁶The seer (*Soma*) having wise
designs, when

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¹ So Sayana, but rather "the worshippers follow thee exulting."

⁵ So Sayana explains *sapta dhitayak* (cf. IX. 9. 4.) ; but in IX. 62. 17, he takes it as meaning "the seren metres." The St. Petersburg Diet, explains it as "die vielen Andachtsübungen oder Gebetsformen beim Soma-~Werk."

⁸ Sayana takes *Izam* as meaning "water," but it is no doubt an adverb here, "surely," with a very weakened force.

* *i.e.* Indra, according to Sayana.

⁵ Or "the knower of heaven."

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